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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Insert the attached Abstract after the claims pages.

IN THE CLAIMS

5. (Amended) A variant of a polypeptide as defined in claim 1, said variant differing from the polypeptide by the presence of from 1 to 5 amino acid substitutions in the sequence of said polypeptide, said variant being capable of antagonising the heterodimerization of a DP protein with an E2F protein.

7. (Amended) A polypeptide which comprises a first portion having the amino